

Children's Department.

From Conemaugh, Pa.

I will try to write my first letter for the EVANGELIST. I am nine years old and go to school. Our teacher's name is A. A. Cullerton. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. My papa is the superintendent. Our minister is brother J. F. Koontz, and we like him very much. He is a good preacher. My papa and mamma belong to the Brethren church, and if I live to be old enough, I will join the church too. If this letter is accepted I will wait again. Good-bye,
WILLIE STUMP.

From Orellin, Md.

I will write another letter for the EVANGELIST. We have had a big snow here and it was very cold. Yesterday was my birthday. I was thirteen years old. I hope I may do more for my Heavenly Master in my future days. I often think what a pleasure it would be to work for the Lord who has done so much for us. Which is the most beautiful chapter in the Bible? I will close.

Feb. 13.

REBECCA SAUCER.

This is my second letter for the EVANGELIST. It is snowing a little to-day and it is getting colder. I don't feel very well, as I have the whooping cough as also have my youngest sister and brother. I will close for this time.

Yours sincerely,

NETTIE SAUCER.

I thought I would write for the EVANGELIST for a year. I am twelve years old. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday I can. I belong to the Brethren church and love to read the children's letters. I will close by asking a question: How many times does the word Jehovah occur in the Bible?

Feb. 13.

MAGGIE SHAFFER.

From Cornell, Ill.

This is my first letter for the EVANGELIST. I am ten years old. I have no father or mother. I live with my uncle and aunt. They have five children. I go to school every day. I go to Sunday-school and in the afternoon I go to the Loyal Temperance Legion. When I have time I knit stockings or mittens for my little cousins. Here is my answer to Ray Calvert's question: There are 1189 chapters in the Bible. I will close for this time.
JENNIE VANDERREE.

Feb. 11.

MURDER is to be charged not to the hand that strikes, but to the heart that hates.

GOD CAN SEE THROUGH THE CRACK.

A lady came home from shopping one day, and was not met as usual by the glad welcome of her little son. He seemed shy of her, sulked into the entry, hung about the garden, and wanted to be more with Bridget than was common. The mother could not account for his manner.

When she was undressing him for bed, "Mother," he asked, "can God see through the crack in the closet door?"

"Yes," said his mother.

"And can He see when it is all dark there?"

"Yes," answered his mother, "God can see everywhere and in every place."

"Then God saw me, and He'll tell you, mother. When you were gone I got into your closet, and I took and ate up the cake; and I am sorry, very sorry," and bowing his head on his mother's lap, he burst out crying.

Poor little boy! all day he had been wanting to hide from his mother, just as Adam and Eve, after they disobeyed God, tried to hide from his presence in the Garden of Eden. Guilt made them afraid, and guilt made him afraid. It put a gulf between him and his mother. You see how his wrong-doing separated him from her. He was no longer at ease in her sight. His peace was gone. This is the way sin divides us from God. We don't love to be in his sight. We are not happy there. We hide away from Him, and try to forget Him.

How did George get back to his mother? How did he get rid of his feeling of guilt and shame? He took the best—indeed, the only true way—by repenting and confessing it. His mother forgave him, no doubt, and he tasted again the sweets of nestling close beside her, and loving to be in her dear society. He was restored to her confidence and love.

Precisely so must we do towards God. We must repent and confess our sins, and pray God for Christ's sake to forgive us. Then we must taste the sweets of forgiveness, and no longer be afraid and far off from Him. As a little child is never happier than at its mother's side, so nearness to God is one of the most delightful feelings which can fill the bosom of the child of God.—*Children's Paper*.

LOVE is a flame that burns even in the midst of the great deep. "Many waters can not quench his love, neither can the flood drown it." It triumphs over all. It never faileth, either in time or in eternity.—*J. Wesley*.

GOD is better served in resisting a temptation to evil than in many formal prayers.

Items of Interest.

—The war between Mexico and Guatemala is ended.

—"I know nothing stronger than the grace of God and I know nothing weaker than myself."

—Do you really think that the world would be as wicked as it is, if Satan was as indolent in doing evil as many Christians are in doing good?

—The assistant sec'y of the treasury conferred with representatives of foreign bankers with a view to the insurance of \$100,000,000 four per cent. bonds.

—Unbelief says: "How can such and such things be?" It is full of "hows;" but faith has one great answer to ten thousand "hows," and that answer is—God.—*Sci.*

—"It is said that a Karón boy, when asked to urge a Christian congregation to send the gospel to his people, answered: 'If they do not mind Jesus, how do you expect them to mind me?'"

—The world moves. The Senate of the Royal University in Ireland, has decided to throw open to women graduates, the junior fellowships and already three women have entered for the next fellowship examination.

—One of the handsomest compliments ever paid to the ability and energy of woman comes from the Ohio Liquor Dealers' Association, which in a formal resolution declares that the only thing it need fear is the W. C. T. U.

—"Let us not forget that there are two sides to dying—this earth side and the heaven side. The stars that go out when morning comes do not stop shining; only some other eyes in some other lands are made glad by them."

—"The Third Biennial Convention of the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union will be held in connection with the British Woman's Temperance Association, in Queen's Hall and Exeter Hall, London, June 14th to 21st, 1895."

—It is said that \$20,000,000 are annually spent in the Canton province on idol worship. But worse than the expenditure is the degrading and delusive effect upon the idol worshippers. St. Paul tells of the spiritual condition of those who made their own gods in Rom. 1: 21-32.

—An exchange says: The annual charity ball in aid of the Nursery and Child's hospital took place at Carnegie Music hall, New York, last evening. Gov. Levi P. Morton led the grand march. Charity! How much was spent for dress and feasting!